GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2993
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2000
FOREIGN MERCENARIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of foreign mercenaries are operating in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of foreign mercenaries detected during each of the last three years and the action taken against them; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to Combat terrorism by these foreign mercenaries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO)

(a),(b) and (c): A number of foreign mercenaries are reported to be operating in Jammu and Kashmir. The main militant outfits comprising mostly of foreign mercenaries are :

1. Lashkar-e-Toiba

2. Harkat-Ul-Mujahideen

3. Tehrik-e-Jihad

As per figures of the State of Jammu and Kashmir, 831 foreign mercenaries have been killed and 27 were arrested during the last three years. Details are in the Statement enclosed.

(d) Close vigil is being kept by the Security Forces along the border/LOC and in the and in the interior areas.Various measures have been taken to central the activities of foreign mercenaries including intensive patrolling, provision and use of surveillance equipments including night vision devices etc., deployment of forces in the vulnerable areas both on the LOC/border and in the hinterland, setting up of Village Defence Committees in some of the sensitive regions near the border, and close and continuous coordination among all concerned security and intelligence agencies etc. The arrangements are being continuously reviewed and strengthened/streamlined.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2993 14.3.2000 REGARDING FOREIGN MERCENARIES
DETAILS OF FOREIGN MERCENARIES ARRESTED/KILLED DURING 1997, 1998 AND 1999

Name of the country	Arrested				Killed			
	1997	1998	1999	Total	1997	1998	1999	Total
Pakistan/POK	1	12	6	19	29	79	125	233
Afghanistan	8		8	12	7		10	39
Sudan						3		3
Yeman					1			1
Albanian						2		2
Others					156	229	168	553
Total	9	12	6	27	197	319	305	831